



September 24, 2008

To: Student Mock Election Coordinator

From: The MyVote California Student Mock Election Team

Subject: MyVote California Student Mock Election – Materials and Instructions

Thank you for participating in the MyVote California Student Mock Election set for October 30. For many of your students, the experience of making their voices heard during this exciting presidential election season will be their first step toward becoming lifelong voters. Thank you for helping to make this a rewarding and memorable experience!

Our mission is to provide you with materials and information you need to hold a successful mock election at your school. If, after reviewing the materials, you have questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to email us at MyVote@sos.ca.gov or call us at (916) 651-3070.

Materials and Resources

- MyVote California Student Mock Election ballots. Students will vote for **one presidential ticket** and vote “yes” or “no” on ***twelve statewide propositions***. Your school does not have to vote on all propositions in order to participate.
- An “I Voted” sticker template. You can use this to print stickers to hand out to students who vote in the mock election.
- Posters that can be printed and used in the classroom or hung where students will be voting.
- A list of online resources to assist you in preparing your students to vote in the mock election.
- Candidate statements of each of the presidential candidates who appear on the mock election ballot and information on the statewide propositions that appear on the ballot.

- A School Vote Reporting Form to help you tabulate the results and report them to the Secretary of State's Office by **5:00 p.m. on October 30.**

Instructions for Tabulating and Reporting Election Results

The official voting day for the MyVote California Student Mock Election is October 30. However, if your school schedule will make it difficult to hold the election on that day, you may begin the voting a few days or earlier to suit your needs. We only ask that you report your results no later than **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 30.**

- **How to report your results.** Use the School Vote Reporting Form to tabulate and report the results for your school. You are welcome to create your own classroom vote tally form, or distribute a copy of the School Vote Reporting Form to teachers for use in tabulating the votes in their classroom. Once you have tabulated the campus-wide mock election vote tally and entered the results on the School Vote Reporting Form, send the results directly to the Secretary of State using **one** of the methods listed below.

Fax: (916) 651-6460
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- **When to report your election results.** Please submit your results to the Secretary of State's Office **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 30.** It's important that you report your election results by this time so the MyVote California Student Mock Election Team can compile statewide totals and announce them on October 31.

How to Find Results for the MyVote California Student Mock Election

Results will be available October 31 on the Secretary of State's website www.sos.ca.gov/elections. Click on the "MyVote Student Mock Election" logo to find out how other schools in California voted.